Toddy, Forest, Gold Mining, Electric Power and such other sources. But the Government has done nothing to mitigate the suffering of the poor raiyats, who are the mainstay of the Government. Pray that some kind of concession may be granted to the raiyats in whose welfare the Government is interested, for instance, by abolishing Octroi duties, or remitting wet assessment for lands under tanks which do not receive a supply of water.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The question of abolishing the Sayer duty is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 344.

Construction of some lasting work of public utility.

Messrs. Kigga Chennakesava Rao, Halagur Venkatasubbiah and Bettagere Subramanyabhatta, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that some lasting work of public utility may be constructed in commemoration of the beneficial and prosperous rule of His Highness the late Maharaja and of our Ruling Sovereign, considering that the revenues of Government have vastly increased.

Reply of Government.—Too vague.

SUBJECT No. 345.

Grant of Christmas holidays.

Messrs. G. Subba Rao and A. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Christmas holidays are unnecessary for Hindus; instead of those, extra holidays may be allowed to them during the Dasara to enable worship, etc., being performed by them.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao suggested that the Dasara holidays might be extended by two days.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 346.

Discontinuance of the system of taking finger-impressions.

Mr. Guru Rao, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of taking finger-impressions has tended towards the increase of work and inconvenience while no good is derived from it. It is therefore prayed that this practice be put a stop to.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 347.

Expenditure on Education.

Mr S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In the statement annexed to the Dewan's address, on the expenditure side the amount spent on the tutorial staff of (1) 'Boys' Schools and (2) Girls' Schools and (3) the amount spent on the inspection staff may be separately mentioned. The statement may also mention the amounts spent on the tutorial staff of (1) Primary and Lower Secondary (Boys) Schools, (2) High Schools for boys and (3) Colleges for boys. At present nearly 30 per cent (seven lakhs) of the total revenue is spent on Education but it is not known how much of this is expended under the above heads. It is essential that the money spent on inspection staff may be as small as possible, inasmuch as the efficiency of the Department depends more on the employment of better paid and well educated teachers than on the frequency of inspections. Circle Inspectors' appointments may be abolished. The amount that would thus be saved may be expended in improving the prospects of teachers in primary schools.

Reply of Government—Noted. The information will be furnished to the member.